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Letter dated 27 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to request that the letter that was handed to you yesterday at your meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Adalberto Rodriguez Giavarini, be distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Arnoldo M. **Listre**
Ambassador

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Annex to the letter dated 27 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Spanish]

New York, 26 September 2001

I have the honour to address myself to you at a time when the international community is having to face one of the greatest challenges that has ever arisen, as a consequence of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States of America on 11 September 2001 and the grave threat posed by these criminal acts.

The Argentine Republic fully associates itself with all aspects of resolutions 1368 (2001) of the Security Council and 56/1 of the General Assembly as expressions of the international community's commitment to use all means at its disposal to eradicate the global threat to peace and security represented by terrorism.

This position coincides with the position unequivocally taken by Argentina, as a member of the Security Council, when the statement by the President of the Council of 29 July 1994 (S/PRST/1994/40) was adopted in connection with the terrorist attacks committed in Buenos Aires and London during that month, and is also consistent with Security Council resolution 1269 (1999) of 19 October 1999.

In this new situation, Argentina announces its decision to collaborate actively in the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council, especially as regards working together urgently to bring to justice the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of terrorist acts, as well as to hold accountable those who assist, support or protect them. At the same time, Argentina expresses its readiness to support other actions adopted within the framework of paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned resolution of the Security Council.

The terrorist acts that took place in the United States of America on 11 September 2001 brutally remind us that terrorism is a criminal and perverse method whose main victim is the innocent civilian population. In order to confront it, we have to act with conviction and in a coordinated way within the framework of a worldwide coalition.

Argentina, which in 1992 and 1994 was the victim of grave terrorist attacks of the same kind, stresses the need for a sustained international response.

The United Nations has a duty to promote measures to enable States, individually or collectively, to prevent and combat international terrorism in all its forms, through, inter alia, the elaboration and effective application of universal legal instruments. In this respect, Argentina has ratified the great majority of the conventions on terrorism which are in force and is moving ahead with the process of ratifying the rest.

At the domestic level, States must in turn develop the necessary norms to this end. In this respect, our country reiterates its firm commitment to continue to take all legislative, police, intelligence, financial and other measures to contribute to this common struggle.

At the inter-American level, Argentina supported the convening of the meeting of ministers for foreign affairs of the Organization of American States and the

meeting of ministers for foreign affairs within the framework of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance. At these meetings, Argentina supported effective reciprocal assistance, the convening of a meeting of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, the elaboration of a draft inter-American convention against terrorism and the mandate given to the Commission on Hemispheric Security to accelerate its work with a view to holding a special conference on security.

My Government will continue to work within the framework of the United Nations with the goal of achieving concrete measures to confront this grave threat to international peace and security and civilized coexistence.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Adalberto **Rodriguez Giavarini**